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"I WILL NOT SLEEP WHILE CHRIST WRESTLES"

In a small pamphlet, prepared for use among our churches, are these words:

"Is Christ agonizing in the present welter of the world and are His disciples sleeping?

Here I resolve: I will not sleep while Christ wrestles."

The saving of the world from its welter is, for a sleeping or a drowsy Church, impossible; for an awakened Church, difficult in the extreme, yet possible.

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The tides of the Spirit flow when provided with an adequate channel. Each person elects to yield himself as a channel—or withhold. If he does as the crowd does, he will withhold. Meanwhile Christ agonizes for expression in human lives. And the welter continues.

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There are times and seasons. The weeks crowd on to Easter Day. The passing days are precious. If you have had the holy impulse to consecrate your energies to the task of winning one person to Christ, do not delay. The popular way is to rest content if the pastor and a faithful few who take their following of Christ seriously, do the work of soul-seeking.

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On any fair interpretation of Christian living, the disciple of Christ is a witness. If men do not witness, how shall the world know? If the way out be not shown, how shall the men find it?

It is all too manifest that, in the case of great multitudes who have a name to belong to Christ, the voice of witnessing is mute.

What conceivable cause today does not have its zealous witnesses! In the phrase of the day, they are "propagandists." The term is good. It presupposes conviction and zeal.

Has the fact taken any serious hold upon you that you are called to be a propagandist for Jesus Christ? If you obey the summons, it will imply that you have a measure of spiritual life, an open mind, a responsive conscience, an obedient will. May you have the great joy on Easter Sunday of seeing at least one person enter into fellowship with the Church who has been brought to Jesus Christ through your effort.

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This is peculiarly a time for a Sunday School harvest. In that field we reap most of our grain. Pastor, superintendent, teacher—what shall the harvest be? Fresh, plastic life is there, waiting for its moulding. Dr. Frank M. Sheldon says that "the pastor who fails to make the most of this opportunity to train the young people misses his supreme opportunity to advance the Kingdom of God. The golden period of the year for this work is from January first to Easter."

But is the pastor to do it all?

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Ours is a life-saving work. The vision for it and the heart for it and the empowerment for it are from God.

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There is no safety for our human lives,
But in a constant living with the invisible;
A feeling of God in all we see and hear,
In every leaf and rippling brook and bird—
A knowledge that wherever we may be,
Whatever may befall us, there is God,
Around us and about us and within us—
A deep contentment into whose bosom,
In any time of trouble, we may sink,
And be at peace.

OUR OWN PAPER

On January 11, 1920, the Conference of the Congregational churches of Northern California came into possession of the Pacific, and it now purposes issuing it as the medium of communication between our churches on the coast. Some decided changes have been planned. One is that the periodical shall be reduced to eight pages until the requirements of the field shall make it manifest that more pages are necessary. The price has been set at fifty cents per year.

The paper has been in the recent past more particularly a literary publication; from now on it is planned to make it a monthly newspaper, furnishing our churches with more information concerning each other; giving them also the very essential news concerning all forward-looking movements in our denomination, and in part stimulating them in all good word and work for the extension of the kingdom of God.

There is a wide field of usefulness for such a publication among our churches, and the Pacific will endeavor to occupy that field. Since it is now the agent of the churches, under their control and direction, it ought to have, as without a doubt it will, their most cordial support. Pastors can render a large service to our fellowship by bringing this publication to the attention of their members in the effort to secure subscriptions from them and a generous distribution among them.

The new Pacific asks all for their help in making it a valuable asset in our church life. If the publication committee of the conference has the support of all pastors and churches, it may be expected that the Pacific will ere long be found satisfying a need long felt among us.

THE PASTOR AND THE CHURCH'S FUTURE LEADERSHIP

To-day's greatest need is adequate Christian leadership for an awakened humanity. The Christian Church at large is conscious of this need and finds a critical shortage in the day of the largest opportunity in its history. With a prospective need of a hundred thousand consecrated and trained new employed leaders within five years, Christianity's greatest forward program will be halted if this leadership is not speedily found, so that training may be begun.

The minister's opportunity and privilege in finding this future leadership is obvious. In no other way can he multiply himself for the Master so effectively as in the discovery of leaders for the coming generation of Christian expansion which promises to be the most remarkable since the time of the apostles.

Not only are thousands of able young men to be found for waiting pulpits, but also thousands will be needed for opening mission fields. The new movement along community lines will demand increasingly large numbers of trained leaders in recreational and social work. The widening program in religious education waits on men and women who shall catch the vision and train themselves to be directors of religious education in local churches, and supervising secretaries in cities, counties, and states under both denominational and inter-denominational control. The week-day instruction and vacation Bible study movements have shown their validity and will be hastened on their fundamental task of moral and religious training when leaders are found and trained for these new tasks of the Christian Church.

How shall this great body of new leaders be found? The most obvious and immediate source is in the colleges and universities where almost 300,000 young men and women are now in training. During the next few weeks the opportunity of Christian service will be presented in all our institutions of learning. February 29th will be observed as a "Life-Enlisting Day." But while this is the immediate approach, there must be continuous thought and careful consideration of this unsolved problem by every pastor in the land who is alert to serve the widening work of the Master's Kingdom.

The largest opportunity to help toward the solution belongs to the local pastor. To him comes the privilege of giving in a discriminating way the strong suggestions which will lead high school young people to consider thoughtfully some branch of the widely varied types of Christian service. Do you know young people in your church or community who would make strong Christian leaders? Do you know consecrated young laymen who with some added training would render valuable service in this Western empire? Plan a careful conversation with these young people in which you may point out some of the new opportunities and responsibilities of the Chrstian leader. Every pastor knows of some young people who are now in college or university Write a letter to those you consider to be of the type promising successful Christian service and suggest to them the possibility of a Christian vocation along some of the avenues now opening.

Will not every pastor to whom this page comes make this matter of Christianity's need of greatly increased leadership a matter of earnest prayer and thought? Many burdens are yours but is there not a great potential joy here if you can awaken a life to the call of God to special service?

The Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, will gladly co-operate with you in every way possible. For over fifty years this school has sought to train men for the Christian ministry. Responsive to every new need, the school during the coming year will offer courses of training for the pastorate, for missionary service, and for all forms of religious education and social service. If you will send to us names of prospective students we shall be glad to send literature upon "The life vocation of the Christian," including our spring circular of information which will announce new courses, and forward-looking plans for the new school year.

Here is a great task to be done. None but the Christian minister can do it successfully. The Kingdom of God waits on a new generation of Christian leaders. The same devotion and intelligent, alert servce which characterizes our pastors will, when addressed to this problem, accomplish its solution, and release untold power to determine the trend of the coming generations along Christian lines. But the task must be done quickly and must have the fruitful attention of our pastors.

A FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

The Lenten season is being observed very generally among all our Congregational Churches as a time of meditation and prayer. The Commission on Evangelism of our National Council seeks to unite all our members in a common experience. Already probably more than a quarter of a million of Congregationalists have been thinking about the same great Christian truths and praying for the same high ends. The six weeks are to be devoted to the following themes: (1) Self Examination; (2) Recruiting for Christian Life Work; (3) Evangelism; (4) Social Service; (5) Stewardship; (6) Personal Consecration. The readings and themes for the remaining weeks of Lent are:

THIRD WEEK, MARCH 7-13—FEATURES OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

SUNDAY: The Law of the Sabbath. Matt. 12:1-21.
"The Sabbath ought to be so spent as to bring one to Monday morning with a clearer, happier sense of God and of sympathy with other men."
Pray for an increase in church attendance.

MONDAY: The Ultimate Sin. Matt. 12:22-50.
Pray for Unchristian friends and the church members who are drifting away.

TUESDAY: The Seed Dependent Upon the Soil. Matt. 13:1-33.
Pray for teachers of religion to children, and for the young who are deciding.

WEDNESDAY: The Supreme Value of the Kingdom. Matt. 13:34-50.
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven."
"Lord, help me to be normal and wholesome in all my religious thought and life."
Pray for the program of evangelism in your church and in all the churches.

THURSDAY: Diverse Responses to the Claims of Christ. Matt. 13:51; 14;1-12.
Pray for grace to help people into the Christian life.

FRIDAY: The Supremacy of Christ. Matt. 14:13-36.
Pray that Christ may be exalted.

SATURDAY: Truth Superior to Tradition. Matt. 15:1-20.
Pray for people who are stumbling over things artificial.

FOURTH WEEK, MARCH 14-20—FEATURES OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM

SUNDAY: Mutual Attraction of Christ and the Multitude. Matt. 15:21-39.
Pray for the social service work of our denomination and of the Interchurch Movement.

MONDAY. Foundations of the Church. Matt. 16.
Pray that social service workers may recognize the lordship of Jesus.

TUESDAY. Preparation on the Mount. Matt. 17:1-13.
"It is God who is calling the attention of the World to Jesus and making the influence of Jesus increasingly dominant in the lives of men."
Pray that leaders may have vital religious experiences.

WEDNESDAY: Service in the Valley. Matt 17:14-27.
"Help me to see a potential friend in every man I meet."
Pray for workers in settlements and missions.

THURSDAY. The Child Mind Exalted. Matt. 18:1-14.
Pray for parents, teachers and juvenile officers.

FRIDAY. Christian Brotherhood. Matt. 18:15-35.
Pray for leaders in the burning issues of the day.

SATURDAY: Foundations of the Christian Home. Matt. 19:1-15.
"Anything which hurts the home strikes at the vitals of our civilization."
Pray for all homes, your own, and especially for unhappy, divided homes.

FIFTH WEEK—MARCH 21-27—THE ACID TEST OF THE KINGDOM

SUNDAY: Riches and the Kingdom. Matt 19:16-30.
Pray that we may be led to recognize our stewardship obligations.

MONDAY. The Law of Service. Matt. 20.
Pray for minds alert and wills responsive to the desire of God.

TUESDAY. Exalting or Rejecting Christ. Matt. 21.
"Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins."
Pray for friends who are rejecting Christ's claims.

WEDNESDAY. Quibbling. Matt. 22.
"Help me not to stickle for small points, but to stand firm for great principles."
Pray for deliverance from self-deception both in the use of money and of life.

THURSDAY. Hypocrisy. Matt. 23.
"No man can get away from himself."
Pray for simple honesty, in ourselves, in others.

FRIDAY. World Travail. Matt. 24.
"A selfish action brings evil to its author."
Pray

for Forward Movement in prayer, evangelism, service, and stewardship.

SATURDAY. The Judgment. Matt. 25.
"Daily life is God's wonderful invention for development of character." Pray for the Interchurch World Movement and for world missions.

SIXTH WEEK, MARCH 28—APRIL 4—THE HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS

SUNDAY. Anointed and Betrayed. Matt. 26:1-16.
"Help me to bring some special gift that shall win Thine approval." Pray for strength to follow Jesus in the depths and on the heights.

MONDAY. In the Upper Room. Matt. 26:17-30.
"O Lord, give me something of thine own passion for reality." Pray for intimate and personal relations with Jesus.

TUESDAY. In Gethsemane. Matt. 26:31-56.
"Those sleeping disciples afford a startling warning." Pray for clear consciousness; new Gethsemanes for Christ; the world's suffering.

WEDNESDAY. Before the High Priest.
Matt. 26:57-75.
"Sin was to do its worst, and the love of God to reveal its utmost strength." Pray for deliverance of the church and my soul from cowardice.

THURSDAY. The Traitor. Matt. 27:1-10.
"Help me day by day that I shall betray no trust." Pray for humility and penitence that do not come too late.

FRIDAY. Before Pilate. Matt. 27:11-31.
"Give me courage to speak out in fit time the deepest conviction of my soul." Pray that we may not ridiculously try to wash our hands of responsibility.

SATURDAY. On the Cross. Matt. 27:32-66.
"The figure on the cross is there because of resolute unwavering devotion to others." Pray that Christ may be lifted up in compelling power.

EASTER SUNDAY. The Resurrection. Matt. 28.
"Oh for a deepening experience of His resurrection." Pray for the power of His resurrection for the church, for self, for the world.

GEORGE C. RAYNOLDS, M. D., D. D.

"A great man was among us, and we knew it not." Like all really great men, he went about so modestly that his worth was veiled to our eyes. Dr. Raynolds, just recently passed over to the other life, went to Van, Turkey, as early as 1869. There was nothing there; but he created everything, schools, hospitals, orphanages and missions. He was a master workman; he has left behind him in that great city a monument worthy and enduring. At a memorial service in Berkeley the other day testimony of his greatness and sacrificial living was given by one of the young men whom the beloved missionary had rescued and brought into the Christian life.

THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

Pacific District

George Warren Hinman, D. D.,
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The Interchurch Movement and a Great Advance

Dear Friends who have helped:

This is to thank you for the very generous gifts to the A. M. A. during the last few months. You have "carried on" in spite of the fact that the district secretary has been on special duty much of the time.

This special duty has helped to make the Hawaiian churches a part of us, and it is helping to secure a new appreciation and a new unity in the Oriental work through the Interchurch Movement, which has made me director of survey and co-ordination for Oriental Missions in the United States.

Our own Oriental mission work has not slowed up; in fact there are some notable advances through the generous volunteer services of Rev. C. A. Nelson among the Chinese and Dr. and Mrs. Otis Cary among the Japanese. The work at Bakersfield for Chinese has been revived with a Chinese pastor in charge, and the work for Chinese at Fresno gives promise of a remarkable revival on a self-supporting basis. One of the best pastors in Japan has come to take up our Seattle Japanese church, and an evangelist is just coming to lead the new group of Japanese at Ogden, Utah, which have been gathered and made enthusiastic for Christian work by Dr. and Mrs. Cary.

But the biggest thing of all is the emergency need of a building for our Japanese church in Los Angeles, which we think can be cared for through the Congregational World Movement now closely and definitely correlated with the Interchurch World Movement. The new view of religious conditions and needs which the Interchurch Movement is bringing us, "seeing clearly and seeing whole" as never before, and the common resolution to meet together the emergency needs we have long ignored, will make the next few months of co-operation in these forward movements most inspiring, I hope, for all of us.

Faithfully yours,

Feb. 12. GEO. W. HINMAN.

ROSTER OF PILGRIM LEGION

The Pilgrim Legion is a federation of all Young People's societies, clubs and classes in our Congregational churches. Already the following have enlisted; let us hear from all. Enrollment may be made through the Secretary, Miss Dessie Simpson, 423 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

The Roll Call:

Pilgrim Club	Mill Valley
North Y. P. S. C. E.	Berkeley
Y. P. S. C. E.	Benicia
North Intermediate C. E.	Berkeley
Calvary Y. P. S. C. E.	Oakland
Olivet Y. P. S. C. E.	Oakland
Y. P. S. C. E.	Loomis
First Y. P. S. C. E.	Oakland
Fruitvale Ave. Y. P. S. C. E.	Oakland
Y P. S. C. E.	Soquel
Pilgrim Y. P. S. C. E.	Oakland
First Inter. Y. P. S. C. E.	San Francisco
L. W. Class	Bay Point
"Beavers" Club	Bay Point
Junior C. E.	Bay Point
Y. P. S. C. E.	Pittsburg
First Y. P. S. C. E.	Berkeley
First Y. P. S. C. E.	Stockton

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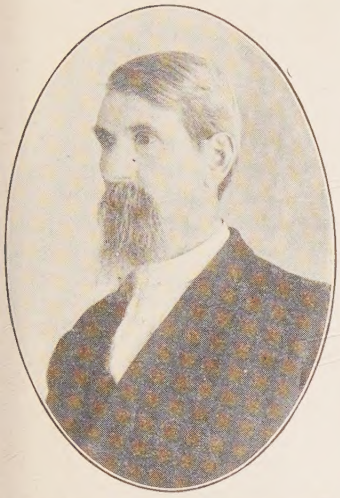

REV. WILLIAM H. OGLE

Early on the morning of December 20th, 1919, the Reverend William H. Ogle, for the past five years the beloved pastor of the Rocklin Congregational Church, entered the other life. He was born more than seventy years ago in Ohio, the eldest in a family of ten children. He taught school in his early days, and later became a circuit rider in the United Brethren Church. He has a record of heroic service driving thirty and forty miles in below zero weather to meet his appointments, and often plodding on foot through snow and sleet for many miles to help the needy and sick.

His fine faith and loyalty to his Lord and Master remained with him to the end. The people of Rocklin have only the kindest words and most loving memories of his years of service among them. He is survived by a widow, four sons and three daughters.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

INTERNATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

The far reaching movement which began at Plymouth Rock three centuries ago is to be celebrated by Congregationalists of the world in a great International Council to be held in Boston, June 29 to July 6, 1920. Four hundred delegates, chosen by national bodies in the United States, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa, Australia and mission lands, will constitute the nucleus of the meeting. A great body of delegates chosen by the 12,000 Congregational churches of the world will be enrolled as corresponding members. For eight days this large and representative assembly will review the past, face the present and prepare for the future.

Mechanics' Hall has been engaged as the meeting place of the council. It seats over 4,500 persons and when crowded holds 2,000 more. A broad platform provides space for a chorus. A sounding board aids in carrying the speaker's voice to all the corners of the room. The basement will be used as a cafeteria. On the second floor more than half an acre of floor space will be used for exhibits, rest rooms and the thousand and one things needed by a convention. Near at hand are a dozen hotels and as many churches.

The Program

The central topics of the council are determined by commission reports which will not be read but will be printed in advance of the meeting and mailed to all delegates.

Such themes as the following will be considered both from the English and American point of view: Congregationalism in its relation to spiritual ideals, to liberty, to theology, to education, to the social order, and to international relations.

Such speakers as Dr. Charles R. Brown, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Mr. Raymond Robins, Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, Miss Jane Addams, Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, President Mary E. Wooley, Dr. Francis E. Clark, Dr. Carl S. Patton and President J. A. Blaisdell, have been secured and others will be added. A similar list of representative Congregationalists in other lands will be announced later. On the second evening of the series the council sermon will be preached by Dr. J. D. Jones, of Bournemouth, England, and after the sermon the Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed. This will undoubtedly be the largest body of Congregationalists which has ever joined in this observance.

FROM THE CHURCH CALENDARS

To keep young is a secret of the soul. "The heart has no wrinkles," said Fenelon. Sterile pleasures must be renounced and provision made for the spirit's daily bath in the beauty of the world. A program of service engaging every faculty, every atom of vitality, must be in the individual schedule.

The fountain of youth is not afar. No long journey is requisite to find its fabled tonic. It bubbles in every man's back yard, on the commonest streets. It is in loving children, your neighbor as yourself, that man becomes juvenescent.

—Plymouth, Oakland.

An honest politician is the noblest work of God.

He is a wise man who knows how to criticise kindly.

Nothing has cost so much in social life as the last word.

God has no use for that which is of no use.

Every man attends his own funeral.

If I improve on my past, the future will improve on my present.

No man is as great as all men.

There is a success which vulgarizes everything it touches.

—Epigrams by Dr. Gordon.

Five Episcopal Bishops, one bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and sixteen other clergymen of national note have prepared a solemn statement of protest against the deportation of men without judicial trial; against repressive legislation pending before Congress; against the suspension of the Socialist members of the New York legislature and against similar "evidences of an excited mood on the part of many of our people."

PERSONAL NOTES

Rev. G. D. Yokum awhile ago pastor of the Park Church in Berkeley, is now actively at work in the First Congregational Church at Phoenix, Arizona.

Rev. G. A. Charnock has accepted the pastorate of the Park Villa Church at San Diego and is already at work. This church was organized by Rev. Isaac Cookman, now pastor at Sonoma.

Mr. W. W. Furze, for some weeks past supplying the San Lorenzo Church, was recently ordained as a Congregational minister by a committee of the Bay Association, upon invitation of the church. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. L. Kloss of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Rev. Arthur B. Patten, formerly of the Sacramento Church, has had a happy and successful year with the Center Church at Torrington, Conn. The church has had a net gain of 20 members, gave $1,957 on its apportionment for benevolences, and for all sums reported including its Pilgrim Fund, over four thousand dollars. In the year the Sunday school has grown from 300 to 354. On a recent Sunday Mr. Patten preached on "An inter-church vision."

Rev. W. O. Pye, missionary at Fenchow, China, in a recent letter reports having made a two and a half months' trip in his field. He found three very encouraging features. First, he received 366 new converts into the church; second, 23 of the 26 Chinese churches have planned to meet all their running expenses from now on, and third, 24 splendid young men have given themselves to the Christian ministry and have already entered the Theological and Bible training school.

Rev. A. B. Apra of the Italian and Spanish churches has resigned. He has been in charge of this work, the Old Green Street Church, since Rev. Robert Walker gave up that pastorate.

Rev. C. N. Thomas of the Richmond Church, San Francisco, has broken down under the strenuous work of that field. His church gave him a vacation for recuperation, but he is persuaded that he will need a longer time than he felt would be fair to ask of the church. He has therefore resigned the pastorate, very much to the sorrow of his church and all his friends around the bay.

Rev. Roy H. Campbell of the Pilgrim Church, Seattle, used a novel method for introducing the new members to the church at a monthly dinner recently. The 36 new members rose one by one and their names were called out by audience in unison. They were then to consider themselves introduced.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Adin. At the January communion the church received two into the church membership and this was followed on the 18th by the reception of eighteen more, after a week of special meetings in the community. The church is moving along well and the attendance is reported as 100 per cent of the membership within reaching distance.

Fresno. The churches at Fresno, Tulare, Bowles and Tipton have all been closed on account of the "flu" epidemic for from one to several Sundays.

Ceres. Under the leadership of Pastor Speers the work is progressing. The church pledged $495 for the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. Twelve new members were received in January. A two-thousand dollar addition is being made to the church building for social purposes.

Salida. This little church under the care of Mrs. F. M. Washburne pledged $230 for the Pilgrim Fund, which was more than twice its quota.

Loomis. The annual business meeting reported a fine condition of the work. There had been 16 additions to the membership in the year. The treasury showed a balance of $400. The ladies have raised $800 which is being reserved to furnish the new church when it is built. The outlook is bright and encouraging to the pastor, Rev. William H. Youngman.

Sonoma. A movement is on foot to federate the Methodist and Congregational churches. Both churches have appointed commitees and with the co-operation of the two pastors are hoping to consummate the alliance. Instead of an every-member canvass in January the Congregational Church substituted a social every-family visit: committees were named by the pastor and on one Sunday afternoon made over sixty calls upon the families of the church, especially in the outlying districts.

San Lorenzo. At a recent communion nine new members were received, seven on confession.

Plymouth, Oakland. Eighteen new members were received on the first Sunday in February.

Mission, San Francisco. Pledges have been taken for the purchase of a pipe organ; the people have entered into the campaign with earnestness and already have subscribed eight thousand dollars.

Mayflower, Pacific Grove. At the annual meeting on New Year's Day the church by unanimous vote increased the salary of Dr. Palmer from fifteen hundred dollars to two thousand dollars a year.

Santa Cruz. The annual meeting was full of encouragement. A new board of trustees of the younger business men of the church was elected. A music committee of three, one a member of the trustee board, one a member of the church quartet, and the third a young woman of the congregation, was elected to carry on the splendid music heard at all the services. The church looks forward with enthusiasm to the work of this year. Congregations are good. Quite a number will unite with the church at the Easter reception of members. Evening services are federated with the Baptist Church, and go well. Sunday school is prosperous. Apportionment met and finances easy.

Glen Ellen. This community has awakened to new activities, through the efforts of some of its young people. A social was had with more than fifty present. This resulted in reviving the Sunday school which had on the first Sunday an attendance of forty with a promise of more.

Sunnyvale. This church is moving forward very satisfactorily under the leadership of its new pastor W. E. Eckles, who came to this field following his experiences in overseas Y. M. C. A. war work. All departments are in good condition. Recently five persons were received into membership by letter. Growing out of the week of prayer, union evangelistic services were held by the Methodist, Baptist and

Congregational churches, covering a period of three weeks. They are being continued by union mid-week prayer meetings and the Sunday evening services. The harmony in these meetings has been marked, and the whole community has been impressed.

Sebastopol. The first Sunday in February was a great day for this church, when 42 persons united with it; 29 of them came from the Green Valley church which had voted to disband the previous Sunday, after an eventful history of fifty years. Ten young people came into the church on confession of faith. It is expected that several more will unite on Easter Sunday. At the annual meeting of this church the pastor's salary was increased $450. The every-member canvass was a great success, making 30 per cent increase on current expenses and a 50 per cent on benevolences. Sebastopol was on the Conference roll of honor for increase in membership last year, but will be on that and the roll of honor for benevolences the coming year.

Sierra Madre. The church has called unanimously the Rev. W. Thompson of Brantford, Canada, to succeed Mr. Wilson who has gone to Alameda. Mr. Thompson has had charges in the United States and has done some lecturing here.

Mill Valley. The annual meeting revealed the fact that this church had had its best year thus far. All bills paid, money in the treasury, benevolences over the top, and acceptance of 100 per cent increase in apportionment; 26 members had been added to the church, and pastor's salary increased by $225. The attendance was largest for years.

Redwood City, Calif. Annual meeting held in January. Every member canvass went over the top. Pastor's salary raised; 26 accessions for the year, making 250 during the present pastorate. Benevolences all raised and $100 in treasury. The church voted to strive for 50 new members in 1920. We plan on a new building as soon as conditions will permit.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE

A three-day Interchurch conference of all the ministers of Northern California is to be held on March 1, 2 and 3, in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco. A team from the east will be present during these days and there will be a full and frank presentation of the Interchurch World Movement, what Prof. Shailer Mathews calls the "greatest piece of co-operative activity Protestantism has ever undertaken."

The Inter-Church movement includes among a number of worthy objects, the raising of sufficient funds to meet the world needs as revealed by the world-survey which has for some time been in progress. A great canvass for funds will be made during the month of April. The Congregational Commission has decided that we should have for our work three million dollars. To Northern California Conference has been assigned $71,000 as its quota, and to the Southern Conference $100,000. This makes a per capita quota to the former of $4.26 and a slightly larger one to the latter. There is some discussion as to the advisability of using so near a time as April. Some are in favor of postponing the drive until October or November.

The Santa Clara pastors met on Feb. 17th at San Jose for an all day conference and prayer. The conditions in each field were gone over carefully and advice given as to handling the various problems. Such fellowship gatherings cannot but prove valuable and encouraging.

They tell me thou art rich, my country; gold
In glittering flood has poured into thy chest;
Thy flocks and herds increase, thy barns are pressed
With harvest, and thy stores can hardly hold
Their merchandise; unending trains are rolled
Along thy network rails of East and West;
Thy factories and forges never rest;
Thou art enriched in all things bought and sold!
But dost thou prosper? Better news I crave.
O dearest country, is it well with thee
Indeed, and is thy soul in health?
A nobler people, hearts more wisely brave,
And thoughts that lift men Godward make them free—
These are prosperity and vital wealth!

Henry Van Dyke.

A decline of more than 10,000 Sunday schools with an approximate loss of 3,500,000 pupils, is revealed in the first annual report of the Federal Council of Churches. The situation is considered peculiar because of an increase of 5,350 church organizations and the addition of 580,366 members.

The total church membership reported is 44,709,502, classified as follows: Protestant, 25,980,456; Catholic, 17,549,324; members of synagogue, 260,000. The synagogue membership is surprisingly small.

The Roman Catholic figures given represent the entire family. If the Protestant figures, which now include only adult communicant members, were to be recast constituting four to a family, the Protestant family constituency would be more than 50,000,000.

Already some of the pastors and churches are taking hold vigorously in securing subscriptions to the Pacific, one pastor turned in 16 subscriptions in a bunch, with the remark that his church would make it 50 before they were through. Others are at work. If all get busy, our church paper will soon be on its feet and going strong.

The Presbyterian General Assembly declared: "This is the day of opportunity. If the Church does not act promptly, not only will the cause of Ministerial Relief suffer, but the supply of candidates for the ministry will be seriously affected. If the father lies wounded on the field of battle, uncared for, can we expect the son to fill his place in the depleted ranks?" And where could you find a missionary, either at home or abroad, laboring on an insufficient salary, who, should he know that if he fall by the way, the loving arms of the Church would be placed beneath him; or if he be called to his reward, his wife and his little ones would be cared for by the Church, would not have more heart and zeal to put into his exacting labor?

HALF-WAY TO THE TOP

Up to February 20th, the total amount pledged in Northern California on the Pilgrim Memorial Fund amounted to $63,000, that is, just one-half of the amount to be raised. We have been assigned a quota of $125,000. About one-half of the churches have been canvassed. The canvass has been most gratifying in nearly all of the churches visited. Here are a few samples:

	Quota	Pledged
Angels' Camp	$ 150	$ 275
Lockeford	400	600
Lodi	3,000	4,177
Ripon	200	537
Salida	100	230
Santa Rosa	1,000	1,710
Sonoma	600	708
Tipton	100	250

The largest single subscription is $15,000. The canvass of the larger churches about the Bay is as yet unfinished. The First of Oakland will exceed $30,000. The whole work has been greatly hindered by the "flu." We expect Northern California to stand in the honor roll of states that exceed their quota; it surely will if no church fails of doing its best.

H. H. K.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

To make it a day of ingathering and spiritual culmination. Only four weeks away; the time is all too short for what we have to do.

A time to demonstrate whether we are willing to make the effort and pay the price necessary to make it a great spiritual victory.

A time to discover whether it will be the work of a very small inner circle in the church, or a work by all the people, whether there will be a consistent effort of the many to lead people one by one into the Christian life and the church.

A time for getting a new spiritual mastery, a new will to serve, a new understanding of the Bible, and a new freedom in prayer.

"Ruinous prohibition" has not hurt the wine grape growers much in prices. Under "wet" conditions in the state fifteen dollars a ton for wine grapes was a good price. Merriam and Cairns, a St. Helena firm, offers thirty dollars a ton, and are making contracts for 10,000 tons per year for the next four years. The grapes are to be used for grape juice and grape syrup.

Rev. A. Clark Selby has accepted the joint call of the First and Pilgrim Churches, Bakersfield, to become associate pastor and Director of Religious Education for those two churches, federated for worship and work with Rev. Edgar R. Fuller as pastor. This arrangement should be mutually helpful and suggestive to other churches. A parsonage has been purchased for Mr. Selby and family.

Watch the label on your paper. If it says anything less than 1920, please send a check to the office. If you desire a receipt send a self-addressed envelope. Otherwise the label will be your receipt.

Presbyterians all over the country are greatly interested in a Presbyterian experiment in San Francisco, according to R. S. Donaldson, executive secretary of Presbyterian work in that city. It is said to be the only place where an operating budget supports the general work of all the city's 57 Presbyterian churches, and where general Presbyterian headquarters have been opened.

A GREAT PEACEMAKER

At the forefront in these troubled times, facing a race antagonism of intense bitterness, with frequent ominous outbreaks of mob violence—a situation becoming daily graver and more tense, stands the American Missionary Association, the age-long friend of the lowly and oppressed.

Over against the hatred, contempt, injustice, brutality, and cruelty of the day it sets the religion of Jesus Christ with love at its heart,—a religion which inevitably makes for the highest moral standards; for justice, fair play, sympathy, brotherly kindness, forbearance, and chivalry.

This great faith the Association expresses chiefly in the terms of **Christian Education.**

For more than half a century it has been deep in the task of training negro youth for freedom and for citizenship. It is the founder of seven notable institutions—Fisk, Hampton, Atlanta, Talladega, Tougaloo, Straight, and Tillotson—and of scores of lesser schools. It is now sustaining wholly or in part five colleges for negroes, besides twenty-five secondary schools (normal, industrial, and agricultural) with a teaching force of about five hundred and with nine thousand pupils.

The association has from the first been a **Teacher of Teachers** and a **Leader of Leaders.** Its graduates are to be found everywhere among the foremost men of the race.

While unsectarian, our schools are deeply Christian. They admit no shabby work, but insist upon high standards of scholarship in both teacher and pupil. They aim at symmetrical manhood, training head, hand, and heart together. To the development of the intellect they add the discipline of self-reliance, sincerity, industry, reverence, patriotism, fitness for life.

The communities in which our institutions stand are distinguished for morality, prosperity, high standards of living, and that self-respect which wins the respect of others. In almost every case they are marked by kindly, neighborly relations between the races.

The Association asks its friends to support its earnest purpose.

STEADILY to carry on our work in the face of advancing prices;

JUSTLY to increase the salaries of five hundred devoted missionary teachers;

PROMPTLY to repair or to replace outworn buildings and equipment;

BOLDLY to meet with new undertakings the challenge of the new day.

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